Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Rural*): Do the police occasionally commit nuisance?

Rao Sahib M. Narayana Menon (*Commissioner of Police*): They don't commit any nuisance.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Rural*): Why only about general nuisance in the answer?

Rao Sahib M. Narayana Menon (*Commissioner of Police*): The question deals with only general nuisance.

FEES UNDER MOTOR VEHICLES ACT.

24. Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the fees for brake certificate, registration and G. permit for buses and taxi cars used for hire as public conveyance;

(*b*) if the fees for both these sorts of vehicles are the same, will the Government be pleased to state why they charge the same fees for taxi cars as for buses;

(*c*) when did the Government enhance the renewal fee of the Driving License from two rupees to three;

(*d*) why was this enhanced;

(*e*) was there any complaint from any motor workers' union in the State protesting against this enhancement;

(*f*) whether there was any enhancement of re-registration fees recently;

(*g*) if so, the reason for levying re-registration fee of Rs. 2 for motor vehicles?

Rao Sahib M. Narayana Menon (*Commissioner of Police*):

(*a*) Rs. 12—8—0, Rs. 16 and Rs. 16 are the fees for brake certificate, registration and G. permit respectively.

(*b*) 1. The labour involved in inspecting the brakes, mechanism, etc., of motor vehicles, whether a car or a bus is the same; hence the same fee for brake certificates.

2. As regards registration, the fee is the same for both private as well as taxi cars and also buses. This is the case in the Madras Presidency.

3. *G. Permits.*—In the case of buses there are a lot of restrictions. The route and the distance it travels daily are fixed and also the charge per mile is limited. Whereas in the case of a taxi, it has no such restrictions and is in a position to earn more.

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(*c*) In the year 1101.

(*d*) To follow the British Rules.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) No.

(*g*) The question does not arise.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): May I know whether these payments are not for half-yearly?

Rao Sahib M. Narayana Menon (*Commissioner of Police*): No. Brake certificates half-yearly, and G. permit annual.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Do the Government know that the Government of Madras have reduced these rates?

Rao Sahib M. Narayana Menon (*Commissioner of Police*): No.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the Government be pleased to enquire the present rates there, and reduce it at that rate?

Rao Sahib M. Narayana Menon (*Commissioner of Police*): Yes.

P. X. AUGUSTINE—SUICIDE OF.

25. Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether their attention has been drawn to a report in the 'Deepam' dated 14th Thulam 1114, regarding the suicide of one P. X. Augustine of Azhikkal;

(*b*) was any letter found in the dead body of the man;

(*c*) if so, what was the contents of that letter;

(*d*) has he not stated in his letter that he was committing suicide because the burden of debt was too heavy for him to bear?

Rao Sahib M. Narayana Menon (*Commissioner of Police*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) A copy of the letter is appended. (*Appendix IV*).

(*d*) Yes.

ITINERATING WORK—NALLEPPILLI.

26. Mr. N. V. Subbarayan Chettiar (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a sum of Rs. 500 was asked to be provided for as per Order L. Dis. 13008/12 dated 7th April 1937 for starting itinerating work at Nalleppilli;

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